Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

EQIP General FA

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: EQIP General FA		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes O or No O
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes O or No O
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O

Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes O or No O
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Sheet and Rill and /or Wind Erosion - answer only 1 of next 3	
1. SOIL EROSION - less than 3 tons/ac/yr will be saved by the installed practices from sheet and rill and /or wind erosion	Yes O or No O
2. SOIL EROSION - 3 to 5 tons/ac/yr soil will be saved by the installed practices from sheet and rill and/or wind erosion	Yes O or No O
3. SOIL EROSION - greater than 5 tons/ac/yr will be saved by the installed practices from sheet and rill and/or wind erosion	Yes O or No O
Soil Condition	
4. SOIL CONDITION - the Soil Conditioning Index changes from negative to at least 0.0 on the field	Yes O or No O
5. SOIL CONDITION - Salinity and Sodic Soil Management will be implemented	Yes O or No O
Classic or Ephemeral Gully Erosion	
6. SOIL EROSION - structural practices Diversion (362), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Grassed Waterway (412), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), Dam (402) or other structural practices will be installled to control ephemeral or gully erosion	Yes O or No O
Water Resource Protection - answer only 1 of next 3	
7. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - Nutrient management (590) will be implemented	Yes O or No O
8. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - Well Decommissioning (351), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393), Pest Management on Cropland (595), Sinkhole Treatment (527) or Access Control (472) will be implemented	Yes O or No O
9. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - Contour Buffer Strips (332), Field Border (386), Irrigation Water Management (449), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102), or, when installed to improve water quality but not part of a complete runoff control system: Diversion (362), Roof Runoff Management (558), and Closure of Waste Impoundment (360) will be implemented	Yes O or No O
Livestock Waste - answer only 1 of next 7	
10. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM rating is 4 to 5	Yes O or No O
11. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM rating is 6 to 8	Yes O or No O
12. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM rating is 9 to 12	Yes O or No O
13. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM rating is 13 to 18	Yes O or No O
14. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM rating is 19 to 25	Yes O or No O
15. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM rating is greater than 25	Yes O or No O
16. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - Animal Mortality Facility (316), Silage Leachate Abatement system, or Wastewater Treatment (629) system will be implemented to address a single problem.	Yes O or No O
17. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - waste storage will be implemented to eliminate a groundwater pollution problem where a feedlot runoff problem does not exist	Yes O or No O
18. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - storage or composting of manure is required ONLY to eliminate a land-spreading problem	Yes O or No O

Livestock Waste add on	
19. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - Animal Mortality Facility (316), Silage Leachate Abatement system, or Wastewater Treatment (629) system will be implemented as part of a complete Wastewater and Feedlot Runoff Control system	Yes O or No O
Wildlife Habitat - answer all that apply	
20. HABITAT CONSERVTION - Prescribed Burning (338), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), Stream Habitat Improvement (395), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat (643), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Early Successional Habitat Development (647), Wetland Restoration (657), Pond for wildlife (402) or Pest Management - Invasive Plant Species (595) will be implemented	Yes O or No O
21. HABITAT CONSERVATION - A wildlife practice will be implemented that benefits a threatened and endangered species according to MN eFOTG Section II.D	Yes O or No O
22. HABITAT CONSERVATION - A practice will be implemented that benefits native pollinators according to Native Habitat Development for Pollinators-Minnesota guidelines	Yes O or No O
Air Quality - answer only 1 of next 2	
23. AIR QUALITY - A practice will be implemented specifically to improve air quality	Yes O or No O
24. AIR QUALITY - A practice will be implemented to address other resource concerns, but also addresses air quality as a secondary concern	Yes O or No O
Sensitive Water Bodies	
25. WATER QUALITY - Sensitive Water Bodies - the application is located within: -a watershed impaired by turbidity, fecal coliform, or excess nutrients -a vulnerable Source Water Assessment Area -a Drinking Water Supply Management Area with medium to very high vulnerablity -area rated “sensitive” using the Minnesota Aquifer Assessment AND the practice will be implemented to address a water quality concern	Yes O or No O
Distance to a Receiving Water - answer only 1 of next 7	
26. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a receiving water - the application addresses soil erosion or non-point source pollution and is less than 100 feet from a receiving water	Yes O or No O
27. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a receiving water - the application addresses soil erosion or non-point source pollution and is 100 to 500 feet from a receiving water	Yes O or No O
28. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a receiving water - the application addresses soil erosion or non-point source pollution and is 501 to 1000 feet from a receiving water	Yes O or No O
29. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a receiving water - the application addresses soil erosion or non-point source pollution and is 1001 to 2000 feet from a receiving water	Yes O or No O
30. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a recieving water - the application addresses only habitat conservation, grazing systems, or forest management and is less than 100 feet from a receiving water	Yes O or No O
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32. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a receiving water - the application addresses only habitat conservation, grazing systems, or forest management and is 501 to 1000 feet from a receiving water	Yes O or No O
Grazing Practices	
33. GRAZING SYSTEMS - Prescribed Grazing (528) including Organic systems will be implemented	Yes O or No O
Forest Practices	
34. FOREST MANAGEMENT - Forest Stand Improvement (666), or Tree Planing (612) will be implemented	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: **Final Ranking Score:**

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: **Signature Date:**	**Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:** **Signature Date:**